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GERLACH BOLSTERS HOUSE'S RX BILL

Congressman's Notable Efforts for PA Seniors Deserves Notice

Arlington, VA -- The 60 Plus Association applauds Congressman Jim Gerlach's (R-PA) efforts during the drafting of the *Prescription Drug and Medicare Modernization Act*, taking strides to ensure the protection of Pennsylvania's senior citizens and their already existing prescription drug coverage.

"Setting up a prescription drug benefit for the entire country is a massive undertaking and Congressman Gerlach took the needed steps to make sure Pennsylvania and other states like it that have already established prescription assistance for their seniors would not be lost in the shuffle," said Jim Martin, 60 Plus Association President.

"It is important that seniors in Pennsylvania who are already happy with the PACE program be able to continue that level of coverage with a seamless transition to reduce confusion and loss of benefits," Martin said. "Although the Prescription Drug and Medicare Modernization Act began with zero provisions for state prescription assistance programs, Congressman Gerlach's efforts placed additions to the bill to ensure state programs would not be penalized for their proactive programs."

"Pennsylvania seniors owe Jim Gerlach a debt of gratitude. He has fought to keep Pennsylvania's concerns in the debate, and succeeded in getting what seniors in Pennsylvania need. Seniors have no finer friend than Congressman Jim Gerlach," Martin said.

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60 Plus is a 10-year-old nonpartisan group with a less government, less taxes approach to seniors' issues. 60 Plus has become one of the fastest growing seniors groups in the country, doubling then tripling its support in the past year. 60 Plus can now call on support from nearly 4.5 million citizen lobbyists to print and mail millions of letters and petitions. 60 Plus publishes a newsletter, SENIOR VOICE, and a SCORECARD, bestowing a GUARDIAN OF SENIORS' RIGHTS award on lawmakers in both parties who vote "pro-senior." 60 Plus has been called "an increasingly influential lobbying group for the elderly..."